LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-5. Canceled.

7-11 Canceled.

12. (Previously Presented) A system for perforating a web, the system comprising:

(a) a web conveying means adapted for supporting and conveying a web, the web having a cross direction bounded by a first edge and a second edge, the web being adapted for travel upon the surface of the web conveying means;

(b) a frame; and

(c) at least three lasers mounted upon the frame in an array across the web from the first edge to the second edge, the plurality of lasers being adapted for directing a beam of light upon the surface of the running web to form severed portions that form a perforation in the cross direction of the web, the perforation comprising severed portions and bonded portions in alternating sequence.

13. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 12 in which the web is apportioned into a plurality of zones, wherein the plurality of lasers are provided in an array across the web from the first edge to the second edge, such that each successive laser in the array is adapted for providing a light beam upon a corresponding zone of the web.

14. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 13 in which at least seven zones are provided upon the web.

15. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 13 in which the speed of travel of the web upon the conveying means is greater than about 3,000 feet per minute.

16. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 13 in which the speed of travel of the web upon the conveying means is greater than about 3,500 feet per minute.

17. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 13 in which the speed of travel of the web upon the conveying means is greater than about 4,000 feet per minute.

18. (Original) The system of claim 12 in which the web conveying means comprises an air foil.

19. (Original) The system of claim 12 in which the web conveying means comprises rollers.

20. (Original) The system of claim 12 in which the web conveying means comprises a carrier fabric.

21. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 12 in which the lasers provide light beams upon the web at an angle that deviates from the cross direction, but results in a severed portion that is oriented in the cross direction.

27. (Previously Presented) A system for perforating a web, the system comprising:

(a) a web conveying means adapted for supporting and conveying a web, the web having a cross direction bounded by a first edge and a second edge, the web being adapted for travel upon the surface of the web conveying means at a speed of greater than about 3,000 feet per minute;

(b) a frame; and

(c) at least three lasers mounted upon the frame, the plurality of lasers being adapted for directing a beam of light upon the surface of the running web to form severed portions that form a perforation in the cross direction of the web, the perforation comprising severed portions and bonded portions in alternating sequence.

28. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 27 in which the web conveying means comprises an air foil.

29. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 27 in which the web conveying means comprises rollers.

30. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 27 in which the web conveying means comprises a carrier fabric.

31. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 27 in which the lasers provide light beams upon the web at an angle that deviates from the cross direction, but results in a severed portion that is oriented in the cross direction.